

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1004

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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Sergeant Dillon Black Foxx, United States Army.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the untimely death of Sergeant Dillon Black Foxx, a courageous member of the United States Army who gave his life in the defense of our nation; and

WHEREAS, following in the patriotic tradition for which our nation's finest sons and daughters are renowned, Sergeant Foxx was a brave and honorable member of the 1st Battalion, 508th Parachute Infantry Regiment, 4th Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division Fort Bragg, North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, Dillon B. Foxx lost his life when enemy forces attacked his unit with a makeshift bomb in Bala Murghab, Afghanistan, on February 5, 2010; he was twenty-two years of age; and

WHEREAS, Sgt. Foxx, who enlisted in the United States Army at the age of eighteen in 2006, was on his second deployment to Afghanistan, having previously served a fifteen-month tour of duty there from January 2007 until March of 2008; and

WHEREAS, born December 2, 1987, in Traverse City, Michigan, Dillon moved with his sister, Savannah, to Old Hickory, Tennessee, in 1992. He attended Andrew Jackson Elementary School, DuPont Hadley Middle School, and Martin Luther King Magnet School; and

WHEREAS, during his scholastic career in Tennessee, Dillon Fox was actively involved in a number of athletic programs and competed in wrestling and track competitions; and

WHEREAS, after returning to Michigan, Dillon Foxx completed his final year of school at Traverse City West High School and graduated in 2006, after which he proudly enlisted in the U.S. Army; and

WHEREAS, six weeks prior to his second deployment in August 2009, Sgt. Dillon Black Foxx became the proud father of a son, Kaiden Levi Foxx; deeply committed to his family, Sgt. Foxx was eagerly anticipating to being a loving and devoted parent to his new son when he returned from Afghanistan; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his son, Sergeant Foxx is also survived by his mother, Trina Stewart Pfau; his father, Robert Lentz; Kaiden's mother, Jessica Cross; his brother and sister-in-law, Chad and Adrienne Stewart, and their son, Blake; his brother, Dale Blakeslee; two sisters, Savannah Lentz and Lenzy Blakeslee; his grandparents, Linda Stewart, Linda Gale, and Walter Lentz; his great-grandmother, Fern Chupp; his uncle, Chuck Stewart; his aunt, Alisha Wormell, and many other loving family members; and

WHEREAS, a kind and caring gentleman, Dillon Black Foxx enjoyed camping, traveling, and music; he was a beloved son, a devoted father, a stalwart soldier, and a dear friend who will be greatly missed by all who had the opportunity to know him; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Foxx's dedication to excellence in the military and his love of family, his fellow soldiers, and his country are exemplified in his sacrifice of life itself in defense of all that he held dear and stand as enduring examples of all the characteristics that have ensured the continued freedom of our nation and the preservation of its ideals over the course of our history; and

WHEREAS, this valiant American leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly should pause to remember the singular patriotism, courage, and commitment to duty of this exceptional soldier and human being, the late Sergeant Dillon Foxx, United States Army, whose loss is mourned by a grateful nation; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Sergeant Dillon Black Foxx, a man of impeccable character and limitless courage who stalwartly committed himself to the defense of his nation as a member of the United States Army.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Sergeant Foxx.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.